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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING JULY

In 158 trips, totals of 3,712,466 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$362,907, were landed at Seattle, Washington, by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, during July 1940, according to summaries released today in Bulletin No. 1395, by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 3,091,282 pounds, valued at \$297,351 for the previous month; and 3,376,790 pounds, valued at \$257,278 for July 1939. Totals for the first seven months of 1940 now show 13,566,804 pounds landed, and worth \$1,266,927 to the fishermen--a slight decrease in production, but a small increase in value over the same period for last year.

July receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers from vessels not in the halibut fleet show 4,149,588 pounds, spread among 16 classifications of fish and shellfish, valued at \$298,648. This compares with 2,900,709 pounds valued at \$188,233 for the same month last year. Totals for the first seven months of 1940 are now 11,102,679 pounds valued at \$660,144, a substantial increase over last year's figures for a comparable period.

Landings of halibut by both United States and Canadian vessels in the regular fleet were 9,568,956 pounds for July, 1940--a 344,984 pound decrease

from the same month last year. American vessels landed 7,352,399 pounds of this July's total. For the first seven months, as revised in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, the halibut fleets have landed a total of 38,276,615 pounds at Seattle.

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